

Details

Meeting:	38 th Meeting – Kangaroo Management Advisory Panel (KMAP Commercial)
Location:	Dubbo
Date/time:	Wednesday 6 th April 2022
Chairperson:	Interim - Terry Brill Elected - Tanya Stephens

People present

1. Chairperson (elected): **Tanya Stephens**, Dr., Australian Veterinary Association (via videolink)
2. **Steven McLeod**, Dr., Scientific community
3. **Thomas Newsome**, Dr., Scientific community
4. **Nick De Vos**, NSW RSPCA (via videolink)
5. **Garry Trindall**, Aboriginal Communities
6. **Brett Trindall**, (proxy) Aboriginal Communities
7. **Greg Rogers**, NSW Farmers
8. **Gerard Glover**, NSW Farmers
9. **Andrew Sanger**, Dr., Department Regional NSW
10. **Doug Jobson**, Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia
11. **James Meyers**, NSW PKH Licensee
12. **Steve Johnstone**, NSW PKH Licensee
13. **Terry Brill**, NSW Commercial Kangaroo Management Unit, Department of Planning and Environment
14. **Sheridan Maher**, Department of Planning and Environment
15. **Sharne Ridge**, Department of Planning and Environment

Guests/presenters/observers

Loretta Reilly, KMP DPE (via videolink)
Doug Sandry, KMP DPE
Fabiola Silva, KMP DPE

Apologies

Jamie Woods, Aboriginal communities

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#	Item	Decision/Action	Responsibility
1.	Tour of Macro Meats chiller site in Dubbo		
2.	Welcome and IT check Terry		
3.	Welcome to Wiradjuri Country Doug Sandry		
4.	Introduction Members updated Pecuniary interest forms. Welcome to Brett as proxy for Jamie (apology).	Collect and file forms.	Sheridan
5.	Voting of new Chairperson Two nominations received for Tanya Stephens. Elected unopposed.	Tanya Stephens elected Chairperson.	
6.	Chairperson's report (facilitated by Terry) Minutes of the 37 th meeting (6 November 2021) Link to Quota Report in email of 23/3 didn't work. Resend as attachment to all KMAP. Read, amended and approved for publishing to the KMP website. Moved Andrew Sanger, Seconded Stephen Johnstone, carried.	Resend Quota Report to KMAP Minutes of the #37 th meeting ratified by the Panel. To be uploaded to DPE KMP webpage.	Sheridan Sheridan
7.	Engagement and consultation workshop KMP101 and role of KMAP What do you bring to KMAP? Note: this question was workshopped by the panel and the following is some of the responses. Around the room – the perspectives, knowledge and skills that the Panel members collectively bring include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aerial survey knowledge and expertise; kangaroo ecology and biology; years of kangaroo research knowledge; data analysis; • knowledge of the industry, processing and export; standards for food safety; • 60 years in the industry; understanding the importance of and respect for native animals to Aboriginal people; keep our fauna treated right; • experience and knowledge of the land and farming practices; effect of kangaroos on farmers' livelihoods; honesty around the need for controlling kangaroo numbers 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> actual versus perceived animal welfare issues; veterinary expertise and ethical treatment of animals; regulation knowledge; role of kangaroos in the food web and ecosystem; impact of kangaroos on the broader ecosystem; interpreting scientific literature; importance of regional employment opportunities; regional industries; harvester knowledge and lived experience; 		
8.	<p>What is the role of KMAP?</p> <p>Note: this question was workshopped by the panel and the following are some of the responses.</p> <p>The Panel exists to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> help keep the commercial program sustainable and viable help make informed decisions; ensure the regulation of the commercial harvest is evidence-based; convey the views of a range of stakeholders even if sometimes they disagree; improve general understanding; help make the program the best it can be and thereby let others do the talking and promoting; credible champions of the commercial kangaroo industry; 		
9.	<p>What does success for KMAP and KMP look like?</p> <p>Note: this question was workshopped by the panel and the following are some of the responses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing compliance to ensure the best outcomes; increase the percentage take to 80% of the quota and increase returns to stakeholders; get out of being constantly under attack; by informing the community of the benefits of the commercial program in improving animal welfare and environmental outcomes; viable, transparent and accountable program that delivers good animal welfare outcomes; is respected and trusted to deliver sound animal welfare outcomes; leading a well regulated program for safe, sustainable and humane harvest that is evidence based; capacity to respond to questions and criticism; 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> having good data and good evidence to support the program; structures and processes in place to support the program and ability to respond to questions; foreseeing issues and being prepared; distinction from the non-commercial culling as that is negatively impacting the commercial program; public perception (of harvesting) is more supportive if the kangaroo is used not just left in the paddock; confidence that the program is really well managed and doing the right thing. 		
10.	<p>KMP presentations for consultation workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Tags proof of concept trial - by Loretta Riley Investigating the potential for replacement of current tags with a scannable digital tag; new app to input data in the field; no need for manual reporting; trial with licensees mid-2022. Landholder Consents – by Terry Brill Should KMP continue to administer landholder consents? Should agreements be just between the landholder and the harvester? Could they be removed from the licencing process? Licencing improvements – by Terry Brill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move licence applications/renewals to a financial year cycle? Dispense with a Landholder Harvester Licence (i.e only have PKH licence)? Introduce a pre-harvest licence test? Create a new Chiller Manager licence? 	For information and feedback	
11.	12:20pm Break for lunch, Panel resumed at 1:10pm		
12.	<p>Consultation workshop session on each of the program improvement ideas</p> <p>Note: the reform options outlined in item 11 were workshopped by the panel and the following is a summary of the discussion.</p> <p>Summary of feedback:</p> <p>Digital Tags</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some early apprehension that reduced as understanding of the proposal improved; concern about losing access to the app if phone gets lost or loses power; backup paper option?; accuracy of GPS function; reduced manual reporting a positive to most, but new technology wont be welcomed by all; 	Circulate workshop notes and feedback	Sheridan

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> tracking ability a positive; the outcomes of the trial will be very important. <p>Landholder Consents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong support to review the necessity of KMP administering this; considered unnecessary by many; KMP is not in the business of policing trespass; agreements should be between landholders and harvesters without the burden of all the paperwork that is currently required under KMP. <p>Licensing improvements</p> <p><i>Move to a financial year for licences/regulations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong support; December/January renewals are financially challenging as coincides with Christmas and often a slowdown in harvesting opportunity and reduced income; less of an issue for full-time shooters; not knowing quota for another 6 months is a negative, especially for those in zones more susceptible to reduced quotas, ie Tibooburra. <p><i>Dispense with a separate LKH licence category</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not strong feedback in either direction. So few licences affected. Questioned the need for change. <p><i>Pre-licence test</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for a pre-licence test; shouldn't need to do it every year; would help to improve confidence in the program; need to consider how it is done so as not to exclude applicants with limited access to technology and/or limited literacy skills. <p><i>Introduce a new Chiller Manager licence with a mid-range fee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not a clear view either way. Currently 15 licenced animal dealers – most are held by large processors. Questions around the need to add a new licence; Need more clarity around the purpose and what is to be the outcome for the program from doing this. 		
13.	<p><u>Other priorities for program change</u></p> <p>Reducing fees</p>		

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14.	<u>Other business</u> Garry invited Terry to come to a meeting of the Walgett Community Working Party to talk about the KMP.		Garry to provide more detail to Terry
15.	<u>Feedback on the meeting</u> Overwhelmingly positive; respectful and engaged; eye opening and positive; big opportunities; great group of people; great to meet people outside of your own circle; an industry to be proud of; the passion is there; could speak really openly and honestly without being judged; everyone was able to contribute equally; good listening to each other; impressive for such a diverse group; some smart people in the room but didn't feel intimidated; well run; bodes well for future meetings		
16.	<u>Meeting admin</u> Meeting folders to be mailed to Tanya, Nick and Jamie. KMAP meeting expenses to be followed up by Jackie.		Sheridan to action

Items to be carried over to next meeting

Action	Responsible	Status
1. No items carried forward		

Meeting closed at 4:00pm

Next meeting

Wednesday 9th November 2022.

Location – to be confirmed. Several options canvassed.